



WEST VIRGINIA'S PROMISE

THE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH

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FIVE PROMISES DELIVERED HERE

PROMISE 
AMERICA'S PROMISE ALLIANCE **PLACE**

Does your organization deliver four of the Five Promises to the young people it serves, or do you know one that does?

If yes, please apply to be a designated a **Promise Place** and receive state recognition from West Virginia's Promise and national visibility from America's Promise Alliance as well as recognition materials to build local awareness.

Children and youth need a variety of resources in order to thrive. America's Promise Alliance calls these the Five Promises. The Five Promises are those developmental resources — wrap-around supports— that young people need for success in life:

- Caring Adults
- Safe Places
- A Healthy Start
- An Effective Education
- Opportunities to Help Others

The Five Promises change lives

Children who receive at least four of the Five Promises are much more likely than those who experience only one or zero Promises to succeed academically, socially and civically. They are more likely to avoid violence, contribute to their communities and achieve high grades in school. To experience the full power of the Promises, young people must experience these critical supports throughout their lives — in their families, at schools and out in their communities.

Everything we do as an Alliance is built around the framework of ensuring that more young people experience more of the Promises. We want to recognize local institutions that are providing the Promises to young people in their communities.

A **Promise Place** can be a school, community organization, church, business, or any other organization that provides four of the Five Promises to young people in their community. Promise Places will receive recognition materials, be featured on the West Virginia's Promise and America's Promise Alliance's website and in the Alliance's weekly newsletter, and will serve as models for other local organizations across the country.



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Promise Place Application

Please fill out the application below to receive designation as a Promise Place.
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Organizational Information

Name of Organization:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Contact Person:

Email:

Web Site:

County:

Today's Date:

What is the mission of your organization? (Limit 100 words)

What year was the organization founded?

Young People Served

Number served yearly_____.

Ages Served (check all that apply)

- ☐ Early Childhood (0-5)
- ☐ Youth/Adolescents (12-17)
- ☐ Children (6-11)
- ☐ Young Adults (18-24)

Special Populations (check all that apply)

- ☐ Youth in foster care
- ☐ Children of prisoners
- ☐ Immigrant Youth
- ☐ Low-income youth
- ☐ Pregnant/parenting teens
- ☐ Other: _____



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The Five Promises

Caring Adults: All children need support and guidance from caring adults in their families, at schools and in their communities. These include ongoing, secure relationships with parents as well as formal and informal relationships with teachers, mentors, coaches, youth volunteers and neighbors.

Safe Places: All children need to be physically and emotionally safe wherever they are — from the actual places of families, schools, neighborhoods and communities to the virtual places of media. They also need a healthy balance between structured, supervised activities and unstructured time.

A Healthy Start: All children need and deserve healthy bodies, healthy minds and healthful habits. These result from regular health check-ups and needed treatment, good nutrition and exercise, healthy skills and knowledge, and good role models of physical and psychological health.

An Effective Education: All children need the intellectual development, motivation and skills that equip them for successful work and lifelong learning. These result from having quality learning environments, challenging expectations and consistent guidance and mentoring.

Opportunities to Help Others: All children need the chance to make a difference in their families, at schools and in their communities. Knowing how to make a difference comes from having models of caring behavior, awareness of the needs of others, a sense of personal responsibility to contribute to the larger society, and opportunities for volunteering, leadership and service.

- ☐ My organization provides four of the Five Promises to the young people we serve
- ☐ My organization provides all Five Promises to the young people we serve

- Describe how your organization provides the Five Promises to the young people it serves. (Limit 250 words)...
- Describe impacts and outcomes for the young people you serve as a result of your organization's efforts. (limit 150 words)
- Provide a youth quote about involvement/experience with your organization. (include age or grade level — name optional)



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Optional

Does your organization address any of the following America's Promise priority areas?

- **All Kids Covered:** Improving the health of children, which we believe is a prerequisite for a successful school experience. The Alliance wants to make sure all children in the U.S. who are eligible for publicly funded health insurance programs are enrolled in those plans. Describe these efforts. (200 word limit)
- **Dropout Prevention:** Efforts to help young people graduate from high school ready for college work and civic life. Describe these efforts. (200 word limit)
- **Ready for the Real World:** Providing middle school students with high-quality service-learning and career exploration experiences to help them connect what they learn in school to a positive future. Describe these efforts. (200 word limit)

Please email completed application to pdugan@frontiernet.net